Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims presented below replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1-5. (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) A method for manufacturing a thermal transfer image receiving sheet including a base material sheet, a thermal insulation layer and a dye receiving layer, comprising the steps of:

bonding the base material sheet and a base material film without using adhesive, via a heated molten resin containing at least one of a foaming agent and hollow bodies ~~to each other via the thermal insulation layer~~, while extrusion-molding [[a]] the resin ~~containing at least one of a foaming agent and hollow bodies~~ to form the thermal insulation layer between the base material sheet and the base material film, so that the ~~resin extruded at the time of forming the thermal insulation layer is inserted between the~~ base material sheet and the base material film are laminated via the thermal insulation layer; and

forming the dye receiving layer outside of the base material film.

7. (original) The method for manufacturing a thermal transfer image receiving sheet according to claim 6, wherein the dye receiving layer is formed after bonding the base material sheet to the base material film.

8. (original) The method for manufacturing a thermal transfer image receiving sheet according to claim 6, wherein the dye receiving layer is formed before bonding the base material sheet to the base material film.

9. (original) The method for manufacturing a thermal transfer image receiving sheet according to claim 6, wherein the resin contains the foaming agent, and the foaming agent is foamed while being extruded and molded.

10. (original) The method for manufacturing a thermal transfer image receiving

sheet according to claim 6, wherein when the thermal insulation layer formed, the thermal insulation layer is formed to be multitiered with a skin layer extrusion-molded integrally on at least one side of the resin, the skin layer comprising none of the foaming agent and hollow bodies.